PATENT APPLICATION

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re application of

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Appln. No.:

Filed: December 5, 2001

For: ANCHORING OR WEIGHTING SYSTEM FOR PORTABLE

ROAD SIGNS AND BARRICADES

Attorney Docket No.: 3760.007

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Attn: Box PCT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

## IN THE CLAIMS (CLEAN VERSION):

Please cancel original Claims 1-13; cancel Substitute/Claims 1-12 (IPER/AU); please add the following new Claims 14-25:

An anchoring system for portable barricades or barriers, comprising a base portion having an outer housing of a rigid or semi-rigid material defining a cavity space therein adapted to contain a fluidic ballasting material, said base portion having a preformed raised central region adapted to straddle a part of a portable barricade support frame or trestle cross-bar to prevent or to restrict relative movement of said support frame or trestle, said base portion having an upper surface adapted to receive an upwardly